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Applicant(s): JASON B. THOMAS, ET AL.  
Filing Date: MAY 23, 2000  
For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR ANALYZING E-COMMERCE COMPETITION  
Group Art Unit: 2757  
Examiner:

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### LIST OF RELATED CASES

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3800-002-27	09/133,374	August 13, 1998	Allowed
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